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INITIAL PROPOSAL

The Missoula Unit of the Montana DNRC is proposing to conduct road maintenance, construction, reconstruction and relocation on DNRC ownership in Sections 28, 33 and 34 T13N R16W. The intent of this project is to re-align the existing road system within these sections to allow traffic to flow out to the Ashby Creek Road in addition to the existing Arkansas Creek Road access. The proposed work would also address road drainage issues within the existing road system. The proposed project would involve the following-

1. Maintenance of approximately 5.25 miles of existing road (indicated in blue on the attached map). This would include blading, re-shaping of existing drain dips, replacement of 2-3 existing culverts and installation of 2-3 new culverts.
2. New construction of approximately .5 miles of road (indicated in orange on the attached map) in Section 34 T13N R16W to eliminate steep (10%+ grade) portions of the existing road.
3. Construction of approximately .5 miles of new road (indicated in red on the attached map) at 4 existing road junctions in order to allow traffic to flow towards Ashby Creek Road.
4. Installation of a gate at the existing road junction with Ashby Creek Road in Section 34.

The proposed project is currently in the early planning stages. At this time, we are identifying issues and concerns related to the project. If you wish to submit input or would like further information, please direct your comments or questions to:

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In order to address all issues with respect to this project and incorporate them into the environmental review process, please submit comments by May 22, 2014

